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TOPIC Military Information from Jueterbog and Luckenwalde

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1. On 7 January 1954, Fliegerhorst Damm near Jueterbog was occupied beyond capacity. Soviet dependents have been quartered at the installation since recently. The low, temporary wooden building near guardhouse No 27 was completed but still unoccupied. A second wooden building which also measured about 70 meters was under construction east of building No 29. The latter building will probably serve as administrative building.¹ Almost daily between 19 December and 7 January, soldiers received combat training and, occasionally, training with one or two artillery pieces. Tanks [REDACTED] practiced driving.¹ 25X1

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2. On 22 and 23 December, a field exercise involving about 30 tanks and 4 x 76-mm field guns which were towed by armored trucks was held in the area of Werder. [REDACTED] 25X1
Truck [REDACTED] picked up the traffic patrols. Many officers witnessed the practice.²

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3. At 1:30 p.m. on 16 December, about 250 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 15 trucks [REDACTED] were detained in Jueterbog. At 2 p.m. on 16 December, about 120 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 4 trucks [REDACTED] were loaded for shipment toward Zossen.

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4. On 10 January, the Fuchsberg Kaserne was occupied. On 4 and 5 January, about 40 to 60 soldiers equipped with submachine guns, carbines and practice targets left the installation toward the slaughter house. On 7 January, 6 [REDACTED] armored scout cars entered the installation. On the same day, about 30 to 40 soldiers practiced aiming and loading on the engineer training site. On 7 January, 21 men equipped with submachine guns and carbines entered the installation, coming from the direction of Forsthaus Zinna. [REDACTED] 25X1

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5. Between 4 and 9 January, Soviet dependents arrived in Jueterbog. The order to confiscate apartments in Jueterbog II had been cancelled. Single officers who had been billeted outside the barracks had to move into the barracks in order to make room for married officers. Soviet women were seen shopping in Jueterbog.⁴

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6. On 4 January, the former Norddeutsche Maschinenfabrik in Luckenwalde quartered about 300 to 500 troops who wore red-bordered black epauletts. Unusually many officers entered or left the installation. [redacted]

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7. On 4 January, Stalag No I quartered about 500 troops, some of whom wore artillery insignia. On 23 December, 4 rocket launchers moved into the camp from the direction of Wildbahn. On 29 and 30 December and on 4 January, about 150 soldiers were seen drilling and maintaining motor vehicles in the camp. [redacted]

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8. On 4 January, Stalag No II quartered about 400 troops who wore red-bordered black epauletts. On 23 and 30 December, about 30 soldiers equipped with submachine guns and carbines left the installation toward the target ranges. Troops in the camp were at fatigue duty. [redacted]

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9. On 25 and 26 December, Forst Zinna training ground was placed off limits from noon to 2 p.m. Firing practice with AT guns and other artillery pieces was held during the two days. From 150 to 200 men and 3 x 45-mm AT guns, 2 x 57-mm AT guns and 3 x 76-mm field guns were observed. The guns took up position in Forest Section No 40 from where they fired toward Mehlsdorf. The units involved probably came from the Adolf Hitler Kaserne.

10. On 4 January, the Adolf Hitler Lager in Forst Zinna was occupied by about 2,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epauletts including some with artillery and tank insignia. On 23 and 30 December and on 4 January, machine gun and carbine fire was heard from the target range in the camp. About 250 soldiers engaged in close-order drill and fatigue duty. After 15 December, the new quarters in Forest Section No 12 southwest of the camp were also occupied by troops numbering about 600 men. Motor vehicles were parked in the sheds adjacent to the new building. [redacted]

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1. [redacted] Comment. Information on the occupation of Damm Fliegerhorst [redacted] the cantonment and quartering of officers' dependents was commented on previously.

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2. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] a field exercise of units of the 14th Gds Mecz Div was observed. Practices of this kind were held by numerous other units in East Germany on about the same days. These winter exercises were probably centrally ordered by the GDFG.

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3. [redacted] Comment. The observations at the Fuchsberg Kaserne [redacted] only vaguely indicate that the 107th Intel Bn (US) and the 143th Engr Bn (US) of the 14th Gds Mecz Div are stationed there. [redacted]

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4. [redacted] Comment. Report confirms information from other posts, according to which Soviet officer dependents were quartered in military installations. In some instances, however, German residences were confiscated.



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